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To: Ms. Renata B. Heese
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement (Non-Support)

Dear Ms. Heese:

I am writing in non-support of the recent settlement of the long-running antitrust lawsuit between the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general and Microsoft Corporation. I am disappointed in the nine state attorneys general along with the federal government's decision to settle the case. I am very estatic that remaining state attorneys general and the District of Columbia have decided to further pursue this case.

The settlement is unfair to all. It will allow Microsoft's to continue on with an unfair monopoly of the home PC operating systems. I believe they will also continue to abuse loopholes in this agreement to claim their "openness" while behind the scenes they will make changes to users computers to render other company's software products inoperable.

Recently Microsoft released it's newest operating system that threatens every small software vendor in the US. It gives Microsoft the ability to force updates on users computers that could consequently have adverse effects on other non-microsoft software.

Once again, I would urge you not to settle this lawsuit against a successful and innovative company.

Respectfully,

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